

CLAIM 50

Claim 50 recites features similar to those in Claim 1, except that Claim 50 is written in the form of a means-plus-function.

Therefore, for the same reasons as for Claim 1, Fernandez does not anticipate the features recited in Claim 50. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 50 is respectfully requested.

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The claims that are not discussed above depend directly or indirectly on the claims that have been discussed. Therefore, those claims are patentable for the reasons given above. In addition, each of the dependent claims separately introduces features that independently render the claim patentable. However, due to the fundamental differences already identified, and to expedite positive resolution of the examination, separate arguments are not provided for each of the dependent claims at this time.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A petition for an extension of time is hereby made to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any applicable fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,
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